

What is claimed is:

1. An infusion beverage package comprising:

a body portion comprising overlying layers of porous material that are joined to form at least one compartment, said at least one compartment carrying infusion beverage product in addition to a weight that causes said body portion to sink in water.

2. An infusion beverage package according to claim 1, wherein:

said at least one compartment carries an agent that imparts flavor characteristics into a solution during steeping of said infusion beverage product.

3. An infusion beverage package according to claim 1, wherein:

said overlying layers of porous material are joined together by one of thermal welding technique, compression techniques, folding techniques and stitching techniques to form said at least one compartment.

4. An infusion beverage package according to claim 1, wherein:

said at least one compartment comprises a first compartment distinct from a second compartment, said first compartment carrying infusion beverage product and said second compartment carrying said weight.

5. An infusion beverage package according to claim 1, wherein:

said weight comprises a non-toxic, insoluble odorless and flavorless material.

6. An infusion beverage package according to claim 1, wherein:

said weight comprises a microwave-compatible material.

7. An infusion beverage package according to claim 6, wherein:

said microwave-compatible material is selected from the group consisting of ceramic material, porcelain material, and naturally-occurring rock material.

8. An infusion beverage package according to claim 1, wherein:

said weight comprises a dissolvable agent.

9. An infusion beverage package according to claim 8,
wherein:

said dissolvable agent comprises a sweetener.

10. An infusion beverage package according to claim 1,
wherein:

said porous material comprises a sheet of fibrous
cellulosic material.

11. An infusion beverage package according to claim 1,
wherein:

said porous material is adapted to withstand immersion
into boiling water without damage or disintegration in
addition to being non-toxic, odorless and flavorless.

12. An infusion beverage package according to claim 2,
wherein:

said agent comprises one of sugar and a sugar
substitute.

13. An infusion beverage package according to claim 1,
further comprising:

a string having a first end opposite a second end,
wherein the first end is anchored to said body portion; and

a tag affixed to said second end of said string.

14. An infusion beverage package according to claim 13,
wherein:

said tag carries product indicia.

15. An infusion beverage package according to claim 1,
further comprising:

two body portions that extend from a hinged interface.

16. An infusion beverage package according to claim 15,
further comprising:

a bottom wall that extends between the two body
portions, said bottom wall and two body portions defining a
space for solution to flow through during steeping, and
wherein said bottom wall has a compartment for carrying
said weight.

17. An infusion beverage package according to claim 16,
wherein:

said bottom wall is foldable to enable encapsulation
in a small package.

18. An infusion beverage package according to claim 1,
wherein:

said infusion beverage product is selected from the
group consisting of tea and coffee.

19. An infusion beverage package according to claim 1,
wherein:

said infusion beverage product is selected from the
group consisting of soups, powdered milk, medicinal
preparations, food seasonings, dyes and the like.